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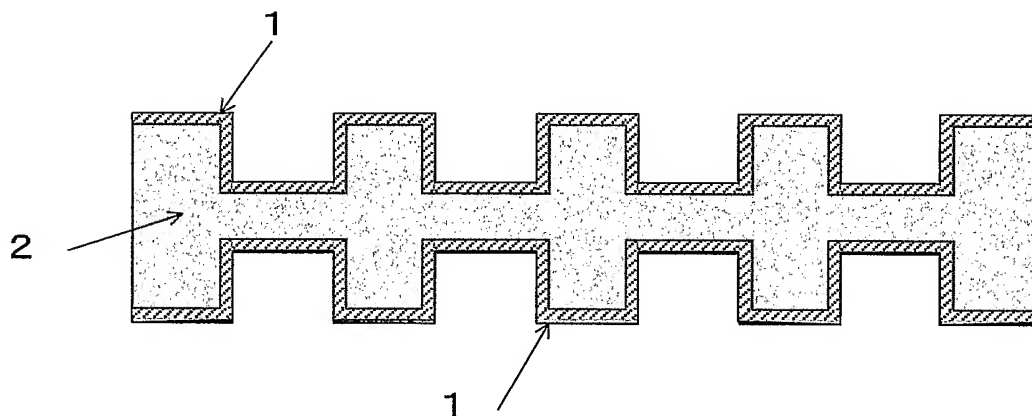
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(57) Abstract: A fuel cell separator having a surface layer on one side or both sides thereof. The surface layer includes at least two layers, wherein the surface layer includes a low-elastic modulus layer (1) having a bending elastic modulus of 1.0×10^1 - 6.0×10^3 MPa, and a bending strain of 1% or more; and a high-elastic modulus layer (2) having a bending elastic modulus exceeding 6.0×10^3 MPa, as at least one layer constituting the surface layer, other than the low-elastic modulus layer (1).

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